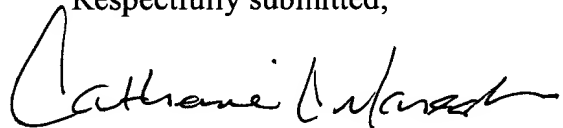


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REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction requirements in the Office Action dated June 9, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect the species in Fig. 11. Applicants submit that Claims 21, 24, 30, 37 and 43 are readable on the elected species. Applicants submit that provisionally elected Claims 21, 30, 37 and 43 generically read on species of both Figs. 11 and 12. Furthermore, provisionally elected Claims 22, 23 and 25-27 read on species of Fig. 12 and depend directly or indirectly from provisionally elected Claim 21. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the requirement for election to group species in Figs. 11 and 12 together for examination, as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Respectfully submitted,



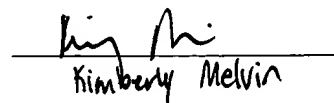
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